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Applicants : Markus OECHSLE et al.

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For : METHOD FOR OPERATING A MACHINE FOR PRODUCING  
AND/OR IMPROVING MATERIAL WEB

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**

Commissioner For Patents  
PO Box 1450,  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Official Action of June 2, 2003, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections made therein are respectfully requested, in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Inasmuch as the Official Action sets a three-month shortened statutory period which expires September 2, 2003, this Amendment is being timely filed, i.e., within two months of the Final Rejection, and no extension of time is believed necessary. However, if an extension is deemed by the Patent and Trademark Office to be necessary, the same is hereby requested and the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fees in connection therewith or any fees necessary to preserve the pendency of this application to